

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A radial/axial bearing comprising:
 - a radial bearing received in a cylindrical sleeve, having cylindrical rolling bodies positioned between the cylindrical sleeve and an inner ring; and
 - an axial bearing having cylindrical rolling bodies, said radial bearing and said axial bearing being connected to form a captive structural unit and arranged axially one beside the other substantially in one plane, wherein
 - an outer running track of the axial bearing formed by a first radially inward-pointing rim at one end of the cylindrical sleeve, said first rim adjoining an axially outward-projecting cylindrical portion of the sleeve, which is smaller than the diameter of the cylindrical sleeve, said first rim at one end of the cylindrical sleeve;
 - an inner running track of the axial bearing formed by a radially outward-pointing rim of the inner ring of the radial bearing, such that the axes of rotation of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the radial bearing intersects the axes of rotation of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the axial bearing at a center of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the axial bearing;
 - a second radially inward pointing rim at the other end of the cylindrical sleeve, such that said cylindrical sleeve with said first rim and said second rim form the outside of the captive structural unit.

2. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the radial bearing have a smaller ratio of diameter to length than the rolling bodies of the axial bearing.
3. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the radial bearing are designed as needles with a ratio of diameter to length of 1:2.5 to 1:10.
4. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first radially inward-pointing rim of the cylindrical sleeve is provided with an axially inward-pointing flange.
5. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the radial bearing are guided in a cage.
6. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the axial bearing are guided in a cage.
7. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cylindrical sleeve and the inner ring are produced by means of a noncutting shaping operation.

8. (canceled)
9. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 4, wherein diameter of the axially inward-pointing flange is larger than the inside diameter of the inner ring.
10. (previously presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radial extent of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the axial bearing is smaller than the radial extent of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the radial bearing.